

Sinclair Broadcast Group's recent actions have illustrated the dangers caused by media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something tailored by the mores of each local market, we get a national corporation imposing their point of view over a large swath of the nation. This is something akin to what is happening with Russian television.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.